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For: **CONTROLLING EXECUTION OF A BLOCK OF PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS  
WITHIN A COMPUTER PROCESSING SYSTEM**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows: